



# TOWN OF WESTFORD

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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Dear Local Business Owner:

In 1999 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) enacted the NPDES Phase II Stormwater Rule, to reduce the discharge of polluted stormwater, to protect water quality, and to satisfy requirements of the Clean Water Act. Stormwater is the water that runs off when it rains or when snow melts. It travels into the Town's storm drain system and is conveyed to local surface water bodies and wetlands. Stormwater typically contains a number of pollutants, such as oil and grease from roadways and parking lots, pesticides and fertilizers from lawns, sediment from construction activities, and carelessly discarded trash such as cigarette butts, wrappers, and plastic bottles. When these pollutants enter water bodies, they can contaminate drinking water supplies, hinder recreation activities, and harm wildlife habitats.

To address EPA's rule, the Town of Westford is required to take a number of measures to prevent stormwater from being contaminated with pollutants. To learn about Westford's Stormwater Management Program, please visit the Town of Westford Stormwater Management website at [http://www.westfordma.gov/pages/government/towndepartments/WestfordMA\\_engdept/stormwater](http://www.westfordma.gov/pages/government/towndepartments/WestfordMA_engdept/stormwater).

To accomplish the goals of this program, we need the help and support of the whole community. **Local businesses can help keep stormwater clean by following the pollution prevention guidelines provided in the enclosed brochure.** If you have any questions, please contact Paul Starratt at 978.692.5520 or at [stormwater@westfordma.gov](mailto:stormwater@westfordma.gov).

SINCERELY,

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Attachments: Stormwater Matters Brochure

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